

# **NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

December 30, 2024

Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development  
2079 East Ninth Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115  
(216) 443-7260

## **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about **January 15, 2025**, Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development, City of Cleveland Department of Community Development, Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) and the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) will, per requirements described by the U.S. Treasury, follow the HOME guidelines to submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds (HOME) under Section 212(a)(1) of Title II (42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (as amended) through the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium and U.S. Treasury's Emergency Rental Assistance program (ERA 2) and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I, Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.). and the Project Based Vouchers (PBV) under Section 8(o)(13) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42U.S.C 1437f(o)(13)); and Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-201); and the Office of Housing 542(c) Risk Share Program under Section 542 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-22) to participate in funding the projects described below:

**Karam Senior** is a project that will include demolition of two (2) existing structures, the Detroit Chateau, a three-story apartment building, and the Walz Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, and a new construction of a 51-unit apartment building targeted to low-income seniors (at or below 60% AMI) with additional construction of a two -story library and a 46-stall parking lot. Unit mix will be four (4) studio units, 27 one-bedroom units and 20 two-bedroom units. Significant ground disturbance, including installation of new/updated utilities, as well as a bioretention area and expansion of surface parking are proposed.

The project will be constructed at 7918 Detroit Ave, 7910 Detroit Ave, 1377 W. 80<sup>th</sup> St, 1373 W. 80<sup>th</sup> St, 1369 W. 80<sup>th</sup> St, and 1363 W. 80<sup>th</sup> St. Total project financing is approximately \$21,035,250.00 of which Cuyahoga County is providing \$1,950,000 of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding and an additional award of \$75,000.00 of Emergency Rental Assistance 2 funding (ERA 2); The City of Cleveland is providing \$600,000 of HOME Funds; \$3,600,000 of ARPA/General Funds; and \$1,000,000 of CDBG Funds; CMHA is providing approximately \$14.4 million in Project Based Vouchers and OHFA is providing \$2,600,000 in MLP-Risk-Share Program funds.

For the purpose of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development's contribution of \$1 million is being submitted to the public notification and clearance process.

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Cleveland and the **Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development** has determined that the projects will not have a significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the **Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the project on file at City of Cleveland 601 Lakeside Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114** for review and may be examined by **appointment at (216) 664-4094**; or you may view it at HUD's Environmental Review Records page:

[https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/?filter\\_status=&filter\\_state=OH&filter\\_city=Cleveland&program=ERR&group=](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/?filter_status=&filter_state=OH&filter_city=Cleveland&program=ERR&group=)

And the City of Cleveland, Department of Community Development website at:

<https://clevelandohio.gov/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/CommunityDevelopment>

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the projects may submit written comments to **Christopher Ronayne, County Executive, c/o the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development, Attn: Sara Parks Jackson., Director**. All comments received by close of business on **January 14, 2025**, will be considered by the **Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development** prior to submitting a request for release of funds. Comments can also be sent to the City of Cleveland Department of Community Development; Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

## **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The City of Cleveland Department of Community Development and **Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development** certifies to HUD that Christopher Ronayne in his capacity as County Executive consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County, City and CMHA to use HOME, CDBG, PBV, MLP and ERA 2 funds on the project.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity, RE; (b) the RE has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning & Development at [CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov](mailto:CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov). Objections can also be submitted to the Office of Public and Indian Housing at [ClevelandPublicHousing@hud.gov](mailto:ClevelandPublicHousing@hud.gov) and the Office of Housing (email address still needed). Potential objectors should contact HUD via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.